## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION – DETROIT

#### IN THE MATTER OF:

JOSEPH G. DUMOUCHELLE, and MELINDA J. ADDUCCI,

Debtors.

Bankruptcy Case No. 19-54531 Hon. Phillip J. Shefferly Chapter 7

THOMAS T. RITTER,

*Plaintiff,* 

v.

JOSEPH G. DUMOUCHELLE, and MELINDA J. ADDUCI,

Defendants.

Adv. Pro. No. 20-04381-pjs Hon. Phillip J. Shefferly

# ANSWER TO COMPLAINT TO DETERMINE NONDISCHARGEABILITY OF INDEBTEDNESS UNDER 11 U.S.C. § 523

**NOW COME** the Defendants, JOSEPH G. DUMOUCHELLE and MELINDA J. ADDUCCI (collectively, the "Defendants"), by and through their counsel, JOHN R. FOLEY, P.C. state as follows:

## **Preliminary Statement**

1. In answer to Paragraph No. 1, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

#### Jurisdiction

2. Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither

admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

3. Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

4. Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

#### Background

- 5. In answer to Paragraph No. 5, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 6. In answer to Paragraph No. 6, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 7. In answer to Paragraph No. 7, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 8. In answer to Paragraph No. 8, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

9. In answer to Paragraph No. 9, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

#### General Allegations

- 10. In answer to Paragraph No. 10, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 11. In answer to Paragraph No. 11, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 12. In answer to Paragraph No. 12, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 13. In answer to Paragraph No. 13, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 14. In answer to Paragraph No. 14, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
  - 15. In answer to Paragraph No. 15, Defendants have consistently asserted

- 16. In answer to Paragraph No. 16, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 17. In answer to Paragraph No. 17, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 18. In answer to Paragraph No. 18, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 19. In answer to Paragraph No. 19, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 20. In answer to Paragraph No. 20, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 21. In answer to Paragraph No. 21, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

- 22. In answer to Paragraph No. 22, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 23. In answer to Paragraph No. 23, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 24. In answer to Paragraph No. 24, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 25. In answer to Paragraph No. 25, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 26. In answer to Paragraph No. 26, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 27. In answer to Paragraph No. 27, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 28. In answer to Paragraph No. 28, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those

- 29. In answer to Paragraph No. 29, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 30. In answer to Paragraph No. 30, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 31. In answer to Paragraph No. 31, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 32. In answer to Paragraph No. 32, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 33. In answer to Paragraph No. 33, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 34. In answer to Paragraph No. 34, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
  - 35. In answer to Paragraph No. 35, Defendants have consistently asserted

- 36. In answer to Paragraph No. 36, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 37. In answer to Paragraph No. 37, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 38. In answer to Paragraph No. 38, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 39. In answer to Paragraph No. 39, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 40. In answer to Paragraph No. 40, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 41. In answer to Paragraph No. 41, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

- 42. In answer to Paragraph No. 42, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 43. In answer to Paragraph No. 43, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 44. In answer to Paragraph No. 44, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 45. In answer to Paragraph No. 45, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 46. In answer to Paragraph No. 46, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 47. In answer to Paragraph No. 47, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 48. In answer to Paragraph No. 48, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those

- 49. In answer to Paragraph No. 49, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 50. In answer to Paragraph No. 50, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 51. In answer to Paragraph No. 51, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 52. In answer to Paragraph No. 52, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 53. In answer to Paragraph No. 53, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 54. In answer to Paragraph No. 54, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
  - 55. In answer to Paragraph No. 55, Defendants have consistently asserted

- 56. In answer to Paragraph No. 56, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 57. In answer to Paragraph No. 57, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 58. In answer to Paragraph No. 58, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 59. In answer to Paragraph No. 59, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 60. In answer to Paragraph No. 60, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 61. In answer to Paragraph No. 61, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

- 62. In answer to Paragraph No. 62, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 63. In answer to Paragraph No. 63, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 64. In answer to Paragraph No. 64, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 65. In answer to Paragraph No. 65, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 66. In answer to Paragraph No. 66, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 67. In answer to Paragraph No. 67, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 68. In answer to Paragraph No. 68, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those

69. In answer to Paragraph No. 69, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those

privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

70. In answer to Paragraph No. 70, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those

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71. In answer to Paragraph No. 71, Defendants have consistently asserted

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72. In answer to Paragraph No. 72, Defendants have consistently asserted

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73. In answer to Paragraph No. 73, Defendants have consistently asserted

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74. In answer to Paragraph No. 74, Defendants have consistently asserted

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privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

75. In answer to Paragraph No. 75, Defendants have consistently asserted

- 76. In answer to Paragraph No. 76, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 77. In answer to Paragraph No. 77, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 78. In answer to Paragraph No. 78, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 79. In answer to Paragraph No. 79, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 80. In answer to Paragraph No. 80, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

# Count I – False Pretenses, False Representations and Actual Fraud Regarding the Note

81. This statement does not require a response.

- 82. In answer to Paragraph No. 82, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 83. In answer to Paragraph No. 83, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 84. In answer to Paragraph No. 84, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 85. In answer to Paragraph No. 85, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 86. In answer to Paragraph No. 86, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 87. In answer to Paragraph No. 87, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 88. In answer to Paragraph No. 88, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those

# Count II – False Pretenses, False Representations and Actual Fraud Regarding the Yellow Rose

- 89. This statement does not require a response.
- 90. In answer to Paragraph No. 90, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 91. In answer to Paragraph No. 91, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 92. In answer to Paragraph No. 92, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 93. In answer to Paragraph No. 93, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 94. In answer to Paragraph No. 94, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 95. In answer to Paragraph No. 95, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those

96. In answer to Paragraph No. 96, Defendants have consistently asserted

their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those

privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

97. In answer to Paragraph No. 97, Defendants have consistently asserted

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98. In answer to Paragraph No. 98, Defendants have consistently asserted

their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those

privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

99. In answer to Paragraph No. 99, Defendants have consistently asserted

their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those

privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

100. In answer to Paragraph No. 100, Defendants have consistently asserted

their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those

privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

101. In answer to Paragraph No. 101, Defendants have consistently asserted

their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those

privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

102. In answer to Paragraph No. 102, Defendants have consistently asserted

- 103. In answer to Paragraph No. 103, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 104. In answer to Paragraph No. 104, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 105. In answer to Paragraph No. 105, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 106. In answer to Paragraph No. 106, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 107. In answer to Paragraph No. 107, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 108. In answer to Paragraph No. 108, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

- 109. In answer to Paragraph No. 109, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 110. In answer to Paragraph No. 110, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 111. In answer to Paragraph No. 111, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 112. In answer to Paragraph No. 112, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 113. In answer to Paragraph No. 113, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 114. In answer to Paragraph No. 114, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 115. In answer to Paragraph No. 115, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those

116. In answer to Paragraph No. 116, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

117. In answer to Paragraph No. 117, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

118. In answer to Paragraph No. 118, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

# Count III – False Pretenses, False Representations and Actual Fraud Regarding the Note

- 119. This statement does not require a response.
- 120. In answer to Paragraph No. 120, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 121. In answer to Paragraph No. 121, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 122. In answer to Paragraph No. 122, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those

123. In answer to Paragraph No. 123, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

## <u>Count IV – Fraud or Defalcation While Acting in a Fiduciary Capacity,</u> Embezzlement and Larceny Regarding the Yellow Rose

- 124. This statement does not require a response.
- 125. In answer to Paragraph No. 125, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 126. In answer to Paragraph No. 126, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 127. In answer to Paragraph No. 127, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 128. In answer to Paragraph No. 128, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

# <u>Count V – Willful and Malicious Injury to Plaintiff and to Plaintiff's Property</u> <u>Regarding the Note</u>

- 129. This statement does not require a response.
- 130. In answer to Paragraph No. 130, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 131. In answer to Paragraph No. 131, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 132. In answer to Paragraph No. 132, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 133. In answer to Paragraph No. 133, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 134. In answer to Paragraph No. 134, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 135. In answer to Paragraph No. 135, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
  - 136. In answer to Paragraph No. 136, Defendants have consistently asserted

# Count VI – Willful and Malicious Injury to Plaintiff and to Plaintiff's Property Regarding the Yellow Rose

- 137. This statement does not require a response.
- 138. In answer to Paragraph No. 138, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 139. In answer to Paragraph No. 139, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 140. In answer to Paragraph No. 140, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 141. In answer to Paragraph No. 141, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
- 142. In answer to Paragraph No. 142, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.
  - 143. In answer to Paragraph No. 143, Defendants have consistently asserted

their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those

privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

144. In answer to Paragraph No. 144, Defendants have consistently asserted

their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those

privileges at this time, neither admit nor deny the allegations in this paragraph.

WHEREFORE, Defendants believe that this Court should hold all

scheduling dates in abeyance until the Defendants have waived their Fifth

Amendment privileges with respect to any and all criminal actions, and grant them

such further relief as this Court deems just.

Respectfully submitted, JOHN R. FOLEY, P.C.

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Dated: November 5, 2020

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#### **DEFENDANTS' AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES**

**NOW COME** the Defendants, JOSEPH G. DUMOUCHELLE and MELINDA J. ADDUCCI (collectively, the "Defendants"), by and through their counsel, JOHN R. FOLEY, P.C., and for their *Affirmative Defenses*, hereby state as follows:

- 1. Plaintiff has failed to state a claim upon which relief may be granted.
- 2. As indicated above, Defendants have consistently asserted their Fifth Amendment privileges and because they do not wish to waive those privileges at this time, reserve their ability to modify and add to their additional defenses.

(Signature on Following Pages)

Respectfully submitted, **JOHN R. FOLEY, P.C.** *Counsel for Defendants* 

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#### **Certificate of Service**

Patrick A. Foley hereby certifies that on November 5, 2020 he did serve a copy of the foregoing Answer to Complaint and Affirmative Defenses, upon counsel for the Plaintiff, THOMAS R. RITTER by emailing a copy of the same, via the Court's CM/ECF e-Filing System to:

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Respectfully submitted, **JOHN R. FOLEY, P.C.** *Counsel for Defendants* 

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